

FREMONT BOARD OF SELECTMEN**29 SEPTEMBER 2005****APPROVED 10/06/2005**

The Board's meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes and Donald Gates Jr; and Heidi Carlson.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectmen read through the minutes of 22 September 2005. Without a quorum of the Board present that evening, Selectmen deferred final action on this set of minutes.
2. Carlson provided a weekly update on the Glen Oakes project. The survey work on the 25 acre piece will be done by Tom Brouillette and is anticipated to be finished in November. A tentative closing date is scheduled for December 5, 2005. The Right-of-Way Option Agreement has not yet been approved by the Lawrence's counsel. The Exercise of Option has been approved by all parties and is ready for signature this evening. Selectmen signed two originals of this document and it will be forwarded to the Lawrence's tomorrow by registered mail; or hand-delivered. Mike Speltz has drafted a conservation easement for the Town property, which is currently being reviewed.
3. Seacoast Farms continued to generate odor complaints this week. Action was taken by Thom Roy to cease their operations until the odors are abated.
4. The October 15th Bulky flyer has gone to print, and will be in the mail today or tomorrow. Volunteers still being sought for that day. The newsletter went in the mail today as well.
5. NH DOT was in the office on Tuesday and indicated it was fine to cut brush in the Route 107 ROW. Warren Harrington called today to say that DRED was not concerned either. He was advised to call ASAP next week when he comes to Fremont if he sees any sort of problem.
6. The Martel tree filing was done this week with the Town's liability insurance carrier. The claims representative has spoken with Guerwood Holmes and is doing the necessary research on the town and state right-of-way.
7. The Jackie Bernier Drive intersection was reviewed again this week in response to a complaint from Chief Janvrin. Carlson again made contact with Roger Sanders at the Division 6 Office in Durham regarding a plan to fix the intersection. Sanders advised the Town should take this up with their paving contractor to find a suitable solution. The Kingston Shed Assistant Foreman indicated on Tuesday that the Town would need to do this work, and would also have to get permission from DRED. The Kingston Shed formen (recently retired Norm Garside) said the State would not do the work, but it was permissible. Mr Sanders advised to get an excavation permit, which Carlson requested him to send out on Tuesday.
8. There is a new contact at Comcast for the contract negotiations, Jason Whittet. He phoned Carlson on Wednesday to provide some information about the contract updates, and suggested a meeting with the Selectmen in a few months. He discussed some of the options, and said a public hearing should be planned for the summer of 2006 to solicit public input to the process. Selectmen indicated they would like to meet with Whittet soon, to get a better understanding of the process ahead.

At 7:00 pm Department Heads Neal Janvrin and Richard Heselton were present.

Janvrin updated the Board on the cruiser accident which happened on Saturday as he was going to Raymond to pick up his lunch. There was some rear end damage to the cars in front of the cruiser.

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Janvrin confirmed that he did not need a rental vehicle. The insurance adjustor was down today, and the Local Government Center has prepared the claim. The check will be processed and sent out today or tomorrow.

Janvrin indicated that he had spoken with Difeo in Brentwood regarding bulk fuel. They will allow the Police to go over to their depot on Route 125 to fuel up with a card and a key, to have fuel without paying the taxes. Difeo has one bulk tank specific for municipalities.

Currently the cruisers are fueling at 7/11 in Raymond because the fuel is cheaper.

Selectmen suggested pursuing the information from Difeo about how that would work, and finding out what other towns might be doing this.

Janvrin got the information from the Sandown Police Department, who has a weekly bulk delivery to their above-ground tank. Heselton asked if the Fire Department could be included in this as well.

At 7:03 pm motion was made by Gates and seconded by Cordes to enter non-pubic session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A 3 (c) to discuss a personnel issue. The vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

At 7:08 pm motion was made by Gates and seconded by Cordes to return to public session. The vote was unanimously approved 2-0. No decisions were made, discussion was surrounding personnel matters.

Heselton said that he had spoken to Hillsboro Ford and was advised the truck needed to be seen at a Ford Service Center, none of which were nearby in NH. Hillsboro Ford is going to look at it again, but it needs to be there for a couple of days. Heselton went back to Ford in Exeter. The truck is scheduled for further inspection on Wednesday in Exeter, where it will be left for a couple of days.

There was discussion about family member access to the Safety Complex. There was also discussion about access and key issues. It was felt that town employees should be the only ones with access to the town buildings, and that family members are not allowed without the employee being with them (ie: people's children washing their cars in the station).

The chiefs left the meeting at approximately 7:40 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the accounts payable manifest totaling \$322,914.03. Motion was made by Gates to approve it, seconded by Cordes and voted unanimously in favor. Two copies were signed.

2. The new highway truck is in (available in the back yard tonight for members to see). Selectmen would like to see a door decal on the truck. The Road Agent had also discussed with Carlson this week, hiring a driver for the upcoming winter season. No further action has been taken on this yet.

3. Carlson discussed with the Board a fire alarm maintenance proposal for the Town Hall and Library. Selectmen suggested getting additional quotes as this one seemed high for what was included.

4. Fremont Food Pantry is considering IRS 501 (c) 3 non-profit status and would like to know if the Town budget could assist them in the filing fee endeavor. This will be further reviewed to

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determine if it is an item which could be included in the town budget for assistance. The Food Pantry does not really want to use funds dedicated for the purchase of food, to pay for the IRS application form.

5. Antioch New England Institute is looking for a Selectmen's designee to attend the CTAP meeting regarding the DOT grant program for the Salem-Manchester I-93 corridor region. Selectmen discussed this and wondered if it was something Kevin Herrmann might be interested in, while he has taken a leave of active attendance at Planning Board meetings. Chairman Cordes called Herrmann from the meeting, and he will consider it, and a follow-up call may take place next week.

6. Motion was made by Gates and seconded by Cordes to accept the OHRV permitting form package prepared by Chief Janvrin. The vote was unanimously approved. This will be sent out to the resident who has thus far requested permission, with some information on filling it out and returning it to Chief Janvrin.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 9:00 pm motion was made by Gates and seconded by Cordes to enter non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A 3 II (e) to discuss legal matters. The vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

At 9:10 pm Selectmen returned to public session on a motion from Gates and second from Cordes. This vote was unanimous 2-0.

BUDGETS

Selectmen reviewed the initial submissions for the Fire Department, Planning & Zoning, Building Inspection, Assessing, Debt Service, and the Police budgets. There was some general discussion. Selectmen would like to see estimated benefits costs for the new proposed full-time positions, to have that to add to the salary costs and understand the full package cost. The first budget meeting with departments is set for next Thursday and will include Planning, Zoning, Conservation, and Building Inspection.

NEXT WEEK

- Budget Committee meets on Monday October 3rd

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday October 6, 2005 at 6:00 pm.

With no further business, motion was made at 9:30 pm to adjourn by Gates and seconded by Cordes. The vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator